



**Fw: Sen Kotowski/O'Hare noise- and**  
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Anita,

We are in receipt of your forwarded correspondence from \_\_\_\_\_ of Des Plaines and \_\_\_\_\_ of Park Ridge, expressing concerns about operations at O'Hare International Airport.

O'Hare is operated by the City of Chicago Department of Aviation. The City of Chicago Department of Aviation or the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) would be the best places for \_\_\_\_\_ to forward their specific noise concerns. The Chicago Department of Aviation maintains a toll-free hotline at 1-800-435-9569 and an Aircraft Noise Complaint Form [http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/doa/supp\\_info/aircraft\\_noise\\_complaints.html](http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/doa/supp_info/aircraft_noise_complaints.html) for citizens to report concern about particular aircraft events or aircraft noise levels in general. The ONCC is an independent coalition of 28 municipalities, Cook County, and 16 School Districts that represent a total of 45 communities surrounding O'Hare. Des Plaines and Park Ridge are both members of the ONCC. Your constituents can work directly with the elected officials that represent their communities to the ONCC. Members of the community can participate in ONCC's public meetings as well. More detailed information on the ONCC can be found at <http://www.oharenoise.org/>.

The FAA works in cooperation with the airlines, the City of Chicago and the ONCC and supports their efforts with funding and technical guidance. Working with the City of Chicago and the ONCC, the FAA has provided over \$285 million for school sound insulation, and more than \$62 million for residential sound insulation to reduce the impacts of aircraft noise to communities adjacent to O'Hare. In addition, the FAA will continue to seek out new technologies and procedures to reduce aircraft noise. The recent phase-out of air carrier aircraft that use older and louder engines (i.e. Stage 2 aircraft) has contributed to the reduction in the number of homes exposed to high levels of aircraft noise. The FAA continues to participate with other Federal agencies, universities and industry groups in research to reduce noise impacts caused by our airports.

With regards to \_\_\_\_\_ concerns about air quality, the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) completed in 2005 analyzed air quality impacts of the O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP). The EIS determined that the OMP meets applicable state and federal law regarding emissions and air pollution. The project was determined to be in compliance with Illinois' State Implementation Plan (SIP) and the federal Clean Air Act. The FAA's analysis of air quality impacts is presented in Section 5.6 of the EIS which is located at:

([http://www.faa.gov/airports/airport\\_development/omp/eis/feis/Media/Section%205.06.pdf](http://www.faa.gov/airports/airport_development/omp/eis/feis/Media/Section%205.06.pdf))

We hope that this information will be helpful to you. If you require additional information regarding these concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Jim or me. If the Senator would like a briefing on the status of the O'Hare Modernization or a more detailed discussion about the program, we can provide that support as well.

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